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textiles, agricultural implements, blankets, spices, cigarettes copper products, tea, coffee, barley, wheat, tobacco, vegetable oil, cycles and local herbs. The list of 15 items for import from China includes horses, goats, goat cashmere, sheep, yak tail, yak hair, goat skin, wool, China clay, butter and raw silk.

Border trade through Nathula, which was conducted between July 6 and September 30, 2006, yielded a trade turnover of Rs. 12 lakhs.

(c) Yes.

Train blast in Mumbai

153. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country has furnished credible proof to Pakistan of involvement of Pakistani nationals trained by the ISI in Mumbai trains blasts on 11th July, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Pakistan Government thereto; and

(c) to what extent foreign Government have been informed of the findings and their reactions thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) While the Mumbai blasts have been discussed with foreign Governments, including Pakistan, no evidence has been shared since charge-sheets in the case are yet to be filed.

Strengthening of Legal and Treaties Division

154. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to expand, upgrade and strengthen the Legal and Treaties Division of Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that the lack of sufficient strength is adversely affecting the diplomatic initiative and diplomatic requirements and compulsions of the country;